

Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8, and cancelled claims 5-7. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by the amendment, as all of the amended matter was either previously illustrated or described in the drawings, written specification and/or claims of the present application. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7 along with the intervening claims, and claim 8 has been amended to independent format.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 8-10, all of the claims remaining in the application, are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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